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Etching of Substrate Surface and Method
of Dry Etching a Wafer Surface

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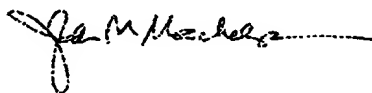
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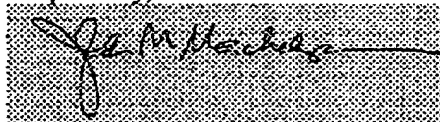
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Applicants are within the three month response period provided by regulation, and need not petition to request an extension of time to respond of one (1) month under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to permit the attached response and amendments, if any, to be entered. Thus, no fee is required under §1.17(a)(1) [1251/2251] for a petition. However, in the event it is determined that an additional amount is due as a result of the attached response, authorization is hereby given such that any such amount may be charged to Macheledt Bales LLP deposit account no. 020725.

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